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MPLAD Fund
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received any request to reconsider the guidelines framed in respect of spending of funds under the MPLAD scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many Members of Parliament are facing problems of two districts after delimitation and there are problems in release of funds as a result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA]

(a) & (b): The Guidelines on MPLADS are revised from time to time inter-alia on the basis of feedback from MPs, States, District Authorities, etc., recommendations and advice from Parliamentary Committees, recommendations and advice of Comptroller & Auditor General / Public Accounts Committee, internal examinations and discussions in the Ministry, etc. in order to improve the design and implementation of the scheme.

The updated Guidelines on MPLADS as on June 2016 and subsequent amendments are available in the public domain, including on the official website of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (www.mospi.nic.in).

(c): No, Madam.

The annual entitlement of Rs 5 crore is released, in two equal instalments of Rs 2.5 crore each, by Government of India directly to the District Authority of the Nodal District of the Member of Parliament concerned.

Para 4.6 of the Guidelines on MPLADS provides that if a Lok Sabha constituency is spread over more than one district, funds for the constituency shall be released to the opted Nodal District Authority, who will be responsible for transfer of funds to the other districts within the constituency as per the requirement of funds in those districts.

(d): Does not arise.

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